Richetts - Ringworm - &c

"This disease is known by a large head projecting forwards, swelling of the knees, a bending of the limbs legs, belly, and a general wasting of other parts of the body."

It made its first appearance in Engd in the year 1620. It was a common disease in the Reign of Charles II - The deformity induced by it in the legs first introduced the use of boots to conceal that deformity. It is remarkable while dress induces some diseases, certain diseases induce certain dresses. Thus the plica polonica ~~induce~~ led to hair powders - pimples to patches - Scrophula in the neck ~~to Cravat~~ poultice neckcloths, and bandy ~~legs~~ legs to the use of boots. ~~To d~~ It was for a long while confi=ned exclusively to the Children of the nobility and gentry. It now prevails almost exclusively

✓ Others ascribe it to a deficiency of Oil in the bones, and that too from a want of a sufficient quantity of Oil in the Aliment. ~~a reason~~

among the Children of poor people.

It ~~follows~~ generally makes its appea=
=rance according to Dr Sydenham immediately after
the Intermittent fever. It likewise succeeds small
pox, measles, & some Chronic diseases. Is it
a fever misplaced? – or translated to the
bones? It is a rare disease at present com=
=pared with former years? Is this owing
to greater cleanliness – better diet, & warmer
dress – which have had similar effects in
obviating the frequency of fevers from an
impure atmosphere?

The predisposition to this disease is said
to be occasioned by a defect of earthy matter
in the bones. It is certain the Urine of
persons who ~~labour~~ under it contains more
earth than is natural to it. V

It is said to be induced by placing Child=
=ren

too soon on their feet. The reverse of this is true – hence we find it most common among ~~the~~ Children ~~who of poor people, who~~ who are left to sit, or crawl all day by their poor parents, and are seldom made to use their feet, or legs in standing. —

The Remedies should be

1 V.S. and other depleting remedies when it is attended with great morbid excitement.
2 Chalybeates – 3 Bark, 4 tonic aliment 5 a change of Air. This will be the necessary if we suppose it to be a misplaced fever, and derived from the Atmosphere.

In Scotland, they cure it by anointing the whole body with Scate fish Oil – does it act by preventing a discharge thro' the ~~bones~~ pores of something necessary to the texture of the bones –? ~~or~~ does it convey the supposed

I reject here all the eruptive & cutaneous states of fevers mentioned. — They have as many names as the nosologists have given us species of fever. — I shall consider them as an Unit diversified in ye forms by situation, figure, & degree.

deficient oily matter in them? I am unable to answer these questions. —

I have never ~~seen~~ had but one case of this disease under my care. — I have often seen its effects in the deformity of the limbs in Scotland. —

Of Cutaneous diseases & disorders

These complaints (so often neglected by Physicians) are highly important, 1 because they are often ~~attend~~ connected with diseases of the whole body, & sometimes with parts essential to life in the first degree. &

2 Because ~~they~~ they are distressing to the persons affected by them, & offensive to their friends. V

~~The~~ Before I proceed to treat of these different forms, I shall deliver the follow:

remarks. —

1 They are generally connected with too much or too little excitement in the whole system.

2 They are often connected with a vitiated state of the fluids or in the Venereal disease, and perhaps the Scurvy.

3 They are often connected with a morbid state of the stomach, & alimentary canal. — Putrid fish ~~often~~ in the stomach ~~often~~ induces a temporary ~~disease~~ efflorescence ~~on the skin~~ — and an acid in the stomach often induces chronic eruptions on the skin. —

4 They ~~are~~ sometimes wholly unconnected with the state of a whole or a part of the system, or the state of the fluids, as

They sometimes disappear when on Wo=
=men are pregnancy & return after
parturition.

in the itch, and eruptions from local poisons. 5 Dr Blane says they are sometimes contagious & they are principally hereditary family disease. 6 when disease affects the Skin, it appears 1 in the form of efflorescence. In this case it is temporary, except in the face. 2 in ~~Sores or Ulcers~~ Sores which effuse Serum, 3 in Sores which secrete matter - from which 4 are formed Scabs. - The proximate cause of them all is morbid Action in the cuta-neous vessels or Sebaceous glands. When they occur on the head, the places in which bulbs of the hair grow are affected by disease.

The Remedies for Cutaneous Eruptions should be carefully accommodated to all the above causes. - Our first inquiry should be, whether they have succeeded, or alternated with any general disease as the Gout, or a part of the of the whole system. - If they have, the Remedies should be directed to the Cure of that disease of

& with these remedies certain diet drinks have been found useful. ~~The~~ In plethoric habits crude ℞ boiled in water - a decoction of the woods, - &c have been found useful. They all act by promoting perspiration. ~~the~~ In debilitd habits a decoction of perfolium, or thoroughwort has performed great cures. Dr Thing says Oil & wine are excellent in such habits as a part of diet. I have known Arsenic $\frac{1}{10}$ of a gr. bis die. above all - ~~our~~ revolutionary wounds. a labiat: ✓ or if ~~to~~ it has affected old people

~~* Fact~~ The difficulty of curing them arises chiefly from their Affecting the Skin only. By diffusing them - we sometimes cure them. This is to be done by VS: - strong purges all vomits, or Artif: Diarrhoea - fact of leprosy in Jamaica. - and diuretics. Fact of hypsathy of poor & kidneys.

which it is the successor or alternative, and these shd. be depleting, or tonic according to the state of the system. A veg: diet, & an Animal diet have each cured it – so have Alts & purges, and Bark & the Cold Bath according as the ~~hydro~~ disease which induced it has been attended, with great, or weak morbid excitement. – If the disease of which it succeeds has been of long continuance, and has been seated in a part very essential to life as the ~~head~~ brain, or lungs – or to Comfort, as the eyes & ears, the eruptions should be approached with a trembling hand. Unless ~~very~~ in an exposed part of the body, they should not be touched, and if they are, air issues shd be substituted for them.

If the disease be connected with a morbid acidity in the Stomach, or any other symptom of Dyspepsia, the Remedies

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should first be directed to ~~cure the~~ remove them. An Emetic should begin the cure, and afterwards tonics. I have ~~lately~~ heard of Cutaneous eruptions of an obstinate nature being cured by Mag: Alk. also by Chalk — they both ~~cannot~~ acted by destroying a morbid acid in the Stomach. Vix: Vit: has succeeded when all have failed

Dr Blane commends it in high terms and Vix: Vit:

When the ~~eruptions~~ eruptions are from a Vitiated state of the fluids as in V. Disease & perhaps Scurvy, the Remedies ~~peculiarly~~ for those diseases should be employed.

Even when the Eruptions are from ~~local &c~~ external Irritants as Itch, ~~for~~ bites of Insects &c the state of the System should not be over-looked. They are I believe often hard to cure, only by the common med. from being accompanied with diseased action in the whole System.

In Eruptions from all its causes, ~~to the persons~~ topical applications are proper,

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the cases formerly mentioned excepted) but they should be different according as they are attended with more or less pain, itching — or obvious inflammation.

1 In cases ~~of the appro~~ such as have been mentioned, the remedies should be, 1 Cold ~~Bat~~ water — ~~2 lead~~ many eruptions have been cured by this remedy. It acts by promoting cleanliness, as well as abating morbid action. 2 ~~Hot~~ Warm water. Dr Jeffrey says he knows nothing superior to it. 2 Lead water. 3 Sweet Oil. 4 poultices of bread & milk.

Where the action is feeble, gentle stimulants may be applied as 1 fasting spittle. The saliva of a dog has performed great cures by licking such eruptions. It is more active than the saliva of other domestic animals. ~~from being impregnated with what putrifiable matter has~~ 3 Salt & water. a simple, cheap, but excellent remedy! 4 Pressure — by giving tone to the vessels, it prevents their pouring forth thus

1 ℞ Sticking plasters. to be worn in under sleeves. ℞ Decoction of walnut leaves also of Tobacco. and digitalis.

2 ℞ Holding a red hot iron to them, and afterwards covering them by pledgets dipped in Decoction of Bark. Lauffer.

4 ℞ By dirty wool burnt under a fire. The Smoke is both active & corrosive. Dr Allison

5 ℞ Lime water. 17 Salt dissolved in Urine. an Ulcer of 5 years standing was cured in Dr Boerhaave when a boy according to his Biographer Dr Hutchinson. 16 fermenting poultice.

6 ℞ Change of Climate. Dr Cleghorn says Sores heal with great difficulty in minorca, & they have often been observed to be retrograde in cold, & wet weather in hospitals. Firm bolt says very common on coal air in S. America - heat scorbutic or the in Cary Island. ~~Cure of fear~~. Sores of all kinds &c healed with great difficulty in those Soldiers in the French Army who were dragged reluctantly from their families into the field.

13 ℞ Charcoal powdered ℔ ii hogs lard, or Water or Chalk ℥ ii Tart ℥ ij ℔ ii Water.

14 ℞ Steam ℞ ℥ss. Boiling Water, and

morbid ~~secretions~~ excretions.

5 Equal parts of tar & hogs lard.

6 An ointment prepared of verdigreas wax & Sweet oil.

7 ~~Ung^t Citrinum~~ Ung^m: Saturninum.

8 Com: Hazelwood's Remedy. viz: Nitre Alum ℥i Sulph ℥ij Hogs lard ℔ to make them an ointment. ℞ ℥i hogs lard ℥i mix

10 Ung^m Citrinum of the Shops. —

11 Lotos: Sub: ℞ ℥ Aq: ℥ii mix to be applied to the parts affected. Afterwards the powder of Calomel every night. I have done more good with the ~~two~~ 3 last Remedies, than with all the rest ~~&~~

12 An Alkaline Bath. The matter discharged should be where they fail, the Cuticle, ~~and part~~ destroyed by a Blister & part of the true Skin by the Arsenical Solution. Surgery.

For Ulcers Injure your Rof of ~~Cicatrizing~~

Burns turn over.

Brandy of each half a pint.

℞ Hellebore (White) ℥iss - or ℥vj water ℥xx ~~Brandy~~

Pint of Hellebore all: ℥iss ms

Burns

There has lately been a good deal of Controversy upon the Subject of the proper application to recent burns. Turpentine, holding ~~application~~ the part burned to the fire, Ardent Spirits, and Cotton have lately become fashionable remedies in such Cases. ~~In~~ They have done both good & harm according to the time in which they have been applied, and the nature of the burn. ~~In every case~~ ~~After the~~ every burn there is ~~burns~~ debility, excitability and sometimes Disorganization. now debility & excitab.y from burn, like debility and excitab.y from a wound, or any Other Cause always invite morbid action to the part thus affected, for ~~Disease~~ the body abhors debility, as Nature does a Vacuum. In a recent burn, before the System has time to react, and to throw excitement into the

I shall make a few remarks upon some ~~few~~ ~~[illegible]~~ of the different kinds of Eruptions which require a specific treatment.

1 The prickly heat. It is a salutary disease in Summer & in sickly seasons, & should never be repelled. It is a remittent fever on the skin.

2 Prurigo of Authors, or an Itching of the skin. It is general, or partial. The general affects the arms & body. The partial, the palms of the hands - the soles of the feet - the anus - the pudenda & vagina in females - & sometimes the glans penis in men. It is a distressing disease occasioning wakefulness, anxiety - fever, & a tendency to madness. The Remedies for it are warm water - cold water - infusion of lot: guaiac - low diet,

I have lately met with a case of this disease which resisted all the above remedies. ~~It was~~ I advised a Blister near the part affected. On the day I directed it, a small boil arose on one of the labia pudendi which in a few days carried off the disease. —

=. affected part, Turpentine, ardent Spirits, and Cotton by their stimulus obviate the debility and expend the ~~debility~~ excitat induced by the burn, and thus prevent the attraction or determination of existence, that is Inflam^n to it. The Cotton acts in two ways first by its mechanical & chemical ~~qualities~~ stimulus being composed of little veg: Spicula, and a bitterish quality, and 2^ly by confining the heat of the part affected. Dr Burnes discovery. Recent wounds are often kept from inflaming in the same =.

purges & V.S. In the Itching of the female pudenda V.S. or leeches sometimes given in relief. After V.S. mercurial ointment or Ung: Citrinum may be applied to the part affected. The Itching in y^e^ anus is sometimes a symptom of Gout in which case it shd ~~not be cured~~ treated with caution. Dr Lettsom mentions a case of death from an astringent remedy being applied to it. — It sometimes occurs both in the anus & Vagina from worms of the ascarides species. — Injections of Tobacco are the proper remedies in such cases.

Herpes — or Tetter is a local disease confined to the hands — Arms legs & feet. All the above Remedies both general & local are proper in it. I have known this disease go of of itself

way, by pouring Wine, Spirits, and certain Balsams upon them, in consequence of which they soon heal without pain, or much inflam.n: — Even Contusions are prevented from inflam.n by dissipating by the similar means that is rubbing the part injured with a dry hand, or by applying Vinegar & Salt to it. Electricity has sometimes had the same effect. They all act by restoring tone to the part injured, and dissipating its irritability. After Inflam.n has taken place from a bruise ~~and Ulceration~~ all the above remedies to be given by increasing them, Unless they are applied in such force as to destroy the life of the part affected, in which case, they produce Ulcers, and sometimes Mortification. The Remedies after Inflam.n has begun — shd be Cold Air — or Water — Lead Water — poultices of bread & milk — and mild Cerates. The Vap.r Stream excellent.